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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Yasuyoshi SERIZAWA, et al.

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For: MULTI-STAGE CLICK SWITCH

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

✓ In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure and replace it with the following new Abstract of the Disclosure.

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A multi-stage click switch (21) includes a contact circuit member (25) having switch contact portions (41a, 41b, 42a and 42b) disposed respectively in opposed relation to pressing portions (36a, 36b, 37a and 37b) formed on an operating knob (35) mounted on a housing (32), and a rubber switch member (30) having rubber contact portions (28a, 28b, 29a and 29b) which can sequentially close and open the switch contact portions in a multi-stage manner in accordance with the movement of the pressing portions. Each of the rubber contact portions produces a suitable click feeling by a resilient force, produced by elastic deformation of the

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Amend rubber contact portion, at the time of operating the operating knob (35). The rubber contact portion (28a) has an overstroke feature by which after its conductive piece (22a, 23a) contacts the opposing switch contact portion (41a, 42a), a click feeling is not produced until the switching operation of the rubber contact portion (28b, 29b) is completed.
